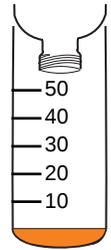
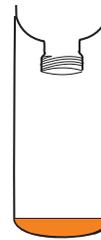
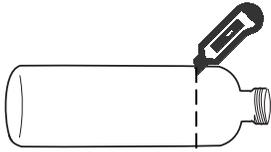


Measuring Rainfall: Using Standard Gauges

Activity (extension for older students)

Once it has been established that the measuring container has to have the same sized opening as the base and have straight sides, then it is possible to make your own rain gauge.



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Secure the gauge in place to make sure it cannot blow over.

Place in an open space away from buildings and trees that might affect rainfall.

6. Compare this design to a scientific rain gauge.

These gauges have a funnel leading into a smaller container, one that has been calibrated so that it shows larger measures for the first few mm. It will measure accurate readings for light rainfall.

The outer container is used to catch any rainfall that is greater than 25mm.

Record the rainfall in millimetres.



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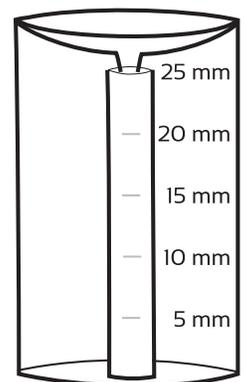
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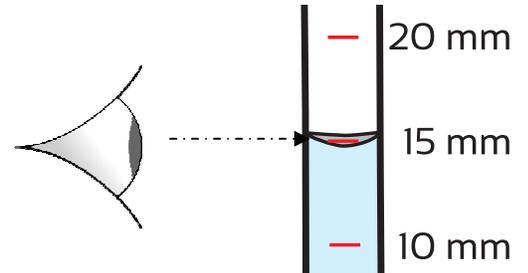
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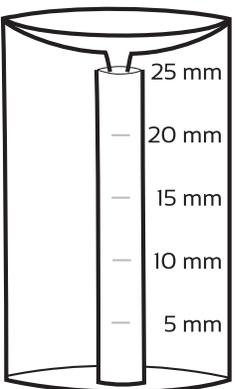
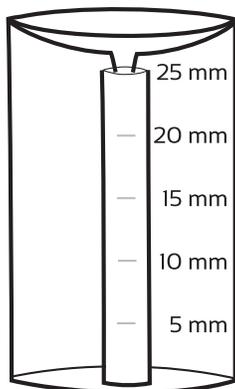
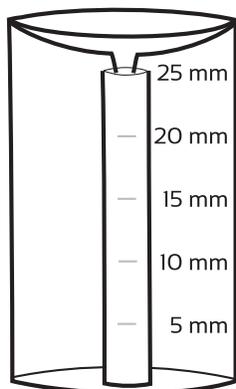
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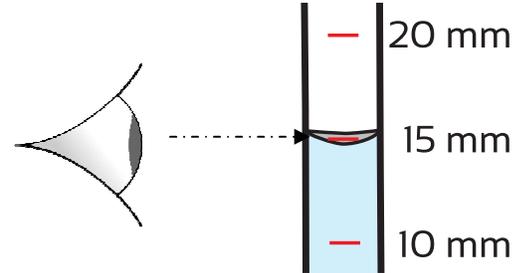
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